

**DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

Being duly sworn, I, the below-named inventor, depose and say that: (1) my residence, citizenship, and mailing address is indicated below; (2) I have reviewed and understand the contents of attached specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein; (3) I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor or discoverer of the invention or discovery in

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shown and claimed therein and for which a patent is sought; (4) this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier filed patent application, Serial No. 09/055,825 filed April 6, 1998; (5) I hereby acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56\*; and (6) I hereby acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56\* which occurred between the filing date of said earlier application and the filing date of this application.

No application for patent or inventor's certificate on said common or said non-common subject matter has been filed by me or my representatives or assigns in any country foreign in the United States of America, except as follows:

| <u>Country</u>   | <u>Application No.</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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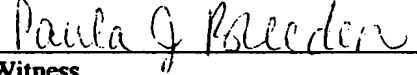
I hereby appoint William D. Bauer (Reg. No. 28,052), Amelia Buharin (Reg. No. 38,835), Eric D. Levinson (Reg. No. 35,814), and Kelly Fitzgerald (Reg. No. 46,326), as my attorneys with full power (including the powers of appointment, substitution, and revocation) to prosecute this application and any continued prosecution application, division, continuation, continuation-in-part, reexamination, or reissue thereof, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please address all correspondence in this case to:

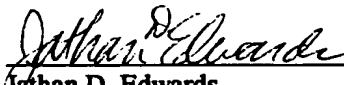
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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Wherefore, I pray for grant of Letters Patent for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the attached specification and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition, on the date below.

  
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